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7 FAM 050

CONSULAR INFORMATION PROGRAM, MESSAGES FOR U.S. CITIZENS, AND THE NO DOUBLE STANDARD POLICY

Changes

1. **Summary:** This revision to 7 FAM 050 incorporate the language in 2012 State 123535 Standard Language for Security Emergency Messages for U.S. Citizens and 2012 State 093640 A New Era for Messages to U.S. Citizens – MASCOT Release. This provides templates including pre-cleared, universally effective language regarding demonstrations for a Security Emergency Message and updated guidance on how to clear such messages. The revision also describes the use of the Message Alert System for Citizens Overseas Tool (MASCOT).
2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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